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THIS WEEK NO. 22

ANNCR:

FROM THE VOICE OF AMERICA, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK GONE BY; A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EVENTS, A CROSS-SECTION OF THE IDEAS AND THE VOICES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE NEWS DURING THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. YOUR NARRATOR IS-----.

NARR:

AS THEY SO OFTEN ARE, EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WERE CONTRADICTIONARY THIS WEEK, MIXING NEW SIGNS OF PROGRESS WITH MORE FAMILIAR INDICATIONS THAT THE REGION'S LONGSTANDING PROBLEMS ARE FAR FROM BEING RESOLVED.

BY FAR THE BEST NEWS WAS SYRIA'S AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE MANDATE OF THE U.N. PEACEKEEPING FORCE ON ITS GOLAN HEIGHTS FRONTIER WITH ISRAEL FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS. THE ISRAELIS HAD BEEN WILLING ALL ALONG TO SEE THE TWELVE HUNDRED INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS STAY IN PLACE, BUT SYRIA'S ATTITUDE REMAINED IN DOUBT UNTIL FOUR DAYS BEFORE THE CURRENT MANDATE WAS DUE TO RUN OUT.

STILL, THAT WAS QUITE A CONTRAST WITH THE HECTIC MANEUVERING THAT PRECEDED THE LAST EXTENSION OF THE U.N. MANDATE, SIX MONTHS AGO. AT THAT TIME, SYRIA DEMANDED -- AND RECEIVED -- SECURITY COUNCIL AGREEMENT TO LET THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION JOIN IN THE COUNCIL'S DEBATE, BUT AT THE EXPENSE OF AN ISRAELI BOYCOTT OF THE MEETING AND THE VERY REAL THREAT THAT THE MANDATE WOULD EXPIRE BEFORE THE ISSUE COULD BE RESOLVED.

THIS TIME, THE ATMOSPHERE AT THE UNITED NATIONS WAS CONSIDERABLY LESS TENSE -- THE RESULT OF AN ANNOUNCEMENT

THURSDAY BY SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM. AFTER A DAY OF MEETINGS WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ AL-ASSAD IN DAMASCUS, WALDHEIM SAID SYRIA HAD AGREED TO THE SIX-MONTH EXTENSION WITH NO CONDITIONS ATTACHED. HE SAID THAT ASSAD DID RAISE SOME "QUESTIONS" IN CONNECTION WITH SYRIA'S DECISION TO EXTEND THE MANDATE AND STRESSED THE NEED FOR PROGRESS TOWARD A PERMANENT MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, BUT THAT THE DECISION ITSELF WAS NOT QUALIFIED. IN A TERSE STATEMENT, A SYRIAN SPOKESMAN LATER CONFIRMED WALDHEIM'S ANNOUNCEMENT, AND ISRAEL FORMALLY TOLD THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT IT ALSO AGREED TO THE EXTENSION.

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THINGS DID NOT GO SO SMOOTHLY EARLIER IN THE WEEK WHEN THE SECURITY COUNCIL TOOK UP THE QUESTION OF ISRAEL'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES. THE ARAB STATES HAD HOPED FOR A COUNCIL CONSENSUS THAT COULD BE ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE, BUT THE UNITED STATES -- WHICH VETOED A RESOLUTION CRITICIZING ISRAEL IN APRIL -- WOULD NOT AGREE WITH THE MOST MODERATE DRAFT THAT THE ARAB COUNTRIES WOULD ACCEPT.

SO ON WEDNESDAY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL READ A STATEMENT REPRESENTING THE VIEWS OF "A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS" THAT CALLED ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED AREAS AN OBSTACLE TO PEACE. AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM SCRANTON SAID THE UNITED STATES WAS DISASSOCIATING ITSELF FROM THE COUNCIL STATEMENT BECAUSE, HE SAID, OF ITS LACK OF BALANCE -- ITS FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO MAINTAIN ORDER AND SUCH RESPONSIBLE ACTIONS AS THE FREE ELECTIONS ON THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK OF THE JORDAN RIVER. BUT SCRANTON ALSO SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOT ENTIRELY PLEASED WITH ISRAEL'S CONDUCT.

TAPE: CUT ONE -- SCRANTON 0:24

"WE WOULD BE REMISS IF WE DID NOT CALL THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL TO THE FACT THAT THERE ARE ASPECTS OF ITS POLICIES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES -- IN PARTICULAR, THAT INVOLVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SETTLEMENTS -- THAT ARE INCREASINGLY A MATTER OF CONCERN AND DISTRESS TO ITS FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND (THAT) ARE NOT HELPFUL TO THE PROCESS OF PEACE."

NARR:

ISRAELI AMBASSADOR CHAIM HERZOG SAID HE REJECTED THE STATEMENT "OUT OF HAND" AS "A CYNICAL FALSIFICATION OF HISTORY." BUT SCRANTON SAID IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO DISMISS ALL THE POINTS IN THE DOCUMENT AS THE PRODUCT OF "BLIND PARTISANSHIP."

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(OPT) IN ISRAEL ITSELF, THERE WAS ANOTHER GRIM REMINDER THAT ITS CONFLICT WITH THE ARABS CAN SURFACE AT ANY MOMENT. A SUITCASE EXPLODED TUESDAY IN TEL AVIV'S BEN GURION AIRPORT, KILLING THE MAN CARRYING IT AND AN ISRAELI SECURITY AGENT AND INJURING SEVERAL OTHER PERSONS. AFTER THE EXPLOSION, ISRAELI POLICE FOUND TWO OTHER SUITCASES BELONGING TO THE SAME MAN. ONE OF THEM CONTAINED EXPLOSIVES, BUT IT EXPLODED HARMLESSLY AS IT WAS BEING PULLED TO A SECURE AREA ON THE END OF A LONG ROPE. THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BLASTS WAS IDENTIFIED AS HUGO MUELLER, AN AUSTRIAN NATIONAL WHO HAD JUST ARRIVED ON A FLIGHT FROM VIENNA.

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(OPT) THERE WAS TERROR ALSO IN LEBANON WHICH THREATENED PRESIDENT-ELECT ELIAS SARKIS' EFFORTS TO RECONCILE THE CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM FACTIONS OF THAT COUNTRY. (END OPT)

THE LEBANESE CIVIL WAR CONTINUED IN ITS USUAL BLOODY WAY THIS WEEK, BUT THE BIGGEST THREAT TO THE PRECARIOUS STABILITY OF THE SITUATION THERE CAME IN THE FORM OF A SERIES OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS, ONE OF THEM SUCCESSFUL. ON TUESDAY, AN OPPONENT OF PRESIDENT-ELECT SARKIS IN THE RECENT ELECTION -- NATIONAL BLOC LEADER RAYMOND EDDE -- WAS FIRED ON AND WOUNDED AS HIS AUTOMOBILE PASSED THROUGH A CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORHOOD NORTH OF BEIRUT. THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA WHERE TWENTY PEOPLE DIED IN TWO DAYS OF FIGHTING BETWEEN CHRISTIAN PHALANGISTS AND EDDE'S SUPPORTERS. THE SHOOTING WAS QUICKLY CONDEMNED BY LEFT AND RIGHT-WING POLITICIANS ALIKE.

THEN, ON THURSDAY, SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN BURST INTO THE HOME OF LINDA AL-ATRASH, THE SISTER OF LEFTIST LEADER KAMAL JUMBLATT AND A MEMBER OF LEBANON'S MOST PROMINENT DRUZE FAMILY. MRS. AL-ATRASH WAS KILLED AND BOTH OF HER DAUGHTERS WERE WOUNDED. JUMBLATT ISSUED AN EMERGENCY APPEAL TO ALL FACTIONS FOR RESTRAINT AND THE PHALANGE PARTY -- WHICH CONTROLS THE DISTRICT WHERE MRS. AL-ATRASH LIVED -- SAID IT DID NOT ORDER THE ASSASSINATION. BUT ALL OF BEIRUT REMAINED VERY TENSE.

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U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER WAS IN EUROPE THIS WEEK, BUT EVENTS ELSEWHERE COMPETED FOR HIS ATTENTION. (OPT) AT A STOP IN LONDON BEFORE SYRIA'S AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE GOLAN HEIGHTS PEACEKEEPING MANDATE WAS ANNOUNCED, KISSINGER CALLED FOR NEW EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A COMPREHENSIVE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.

TAPE: CUT TWO -- KISSINGER 0:31

(OPT) "WE SHOULD NOT LET THE PRESENT FERMENT AND TURMOIL IN THE AREA, OR THE TEMPORARY INTERRUPTION OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, OBSCURE EITHER WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED OR THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER PROGRESS. STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY BROUGHT SIGNIFICANT RESULTS, INCLUDING THE SINAI AGREEMENT LAST SEPTEMBER. THE TIME IS FAST APPROACHING WHEN NEW IMPETUS MUST BE GIVEN TO MOVEMENT TOWARDS AN OVERALL AND COMPREHENSIVE PEACE."

NARR:

(OPT) BUT (END OPT) THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS CAME ON A STOP IN SWEDEN DURING A GOODWILL MISSION DESIGNED TO IMPROVE AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH A COUNTRY THAT WAS OFTEN CRITICAL OF U.S. POLICY IN INDOCHINA. WHILE HE WAS IN STOCKHOLM, KISSINGER RECEIVED WORD OF WHAT HE CALLED A "POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT" IN AFRICA.

TAPE: CUT THREE -- KISSINGER 1:12

"WHEN I WAS IN SWEDEN, PRIME MINISTER (OLAF) PALME READ TO ME FROM A COMMUNICATION HE HAD RECEIVED FROM CASTRO, ACCORDING TO WHICH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO BEGIN WITHDRAWING TROOPS FROM ANGOLA AT A RATE OF TWO HUNDRED A WEEK, WITH THE IMPLICATION THAT ALL OF THE COMBAT TROOPS WOULD BE WITHDRAWN. WE WERE NOT GIVEN A PRECISE BASE FIGURE FROM WHICH THIS WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE CALCULATED OR A DEFINITION OF 'TROOPS,' AND THEREFORE WE ARE NOW MAKING OUR OWN CHECKS AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR FURTHER CONFIRMATION. WE CONSIDER, HOWEVER, THIS COMMUNICATION A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT. . . . WE BELIEVE THAT ALL CUBAN COMBAT FORCES AND MILITARY PERSONNEL SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM ANGOLA, AND OF COURSE WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE RATE THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US COULD BE SPEEDED UP."

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NARR:

THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY PASSED AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE THIS WEEK. THIRTY YEARS AFTER THE FIRST AND SO FAR THE ONLY ATOMIC BOMBS TO BE USED IN WAR WERE DROPPED ON JAPAN, THAT COUNTRY'S PARLIAMENT VOTED TO RATIFY THE TREATY, WHICH PROHIBITS THE TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER. JAPAN ACTUALLY SIGNED THE TREATY BACK IN 1970, BUT OPPOSITION FROM BOTH THE PARLIAMENTARY LEFT AND RIGHTWINGS

DELAYED RATIFICATION UNTIL NOW. THIS WEEK'S VOTE CLEARED THE WAY FOR JAPAN TO BECOME THE NINETY-SIXTH COUNTRY TO JOIN THE AGREEMENT.

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THIS WAS THE BUSIEST WEEK YET IN THE AMERICAN POLITICAL CAMPAIGN. ON TUESDAY, SIX PRIMARY ELECTIONS WERE HELD TO SELECT THE DELEGATES TO THE PARTY CONVENTIONS THAT IN TURN WILL CHOOSE THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT. PRESIDENT FORD DID SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN EXPECTED, WINNING IN THREE OF THE SIX CONTESTS AGAINST HIS REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER, RONALD REAGAN.

BUT THE SIGNIFICANT RESULTS CAME IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY RACE, WHERE TWO RELATIVE LATECOMERS BEAT LEADING CANDIDATE JIMMY CARTER IN THREE OF THE ELECTIONS. THE RESULTS INCREASED THE CHANCES THAT CARTER WON'T BE ABLE TO GO TO THE JULY CONVENTION WITH ENOUGH DELEGATES TO WIN NOMINATION ON THE FIRST BALLOT. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, CARTER'S OPPONENTS SAY THAT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION SHOULD DO MORE THAN SIMPLY RATIFY THE RESULTS OF THE PRIMARY ELECTIONS. ONE OF THE MEN WHO BEAT CARTER ON TUESDAY -- LIBERAL IDAHO SENATOR FRANK CHURCH -- PREDICTED THAT AN "OPEN CONVENTION" WOULD BE THE RESULT OF HIS VICTORY IN THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THIS WEEK'S PRIMARY STATES.

TAPE: CUT FOUR -- CHURCH 0:27

"I THINK PEOPLE ARE TAKING A NEW LOOK AT GOVERNOR CARTER AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE RESULT HERE IN OREGON IS VERY SIGNIFICANT. I THINK IT GOES FAR TOWARD ASSURING AN OPEN CONVENTION RATHER THAN AN OPEN AND SHUT CONVENTION IN NEW YORK. AND THAT WILL BE BETTER BECAUSE IT WILL GIVE THE PARTY AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER MORE CAREFULLY WHO THE NOMINEE SHOULD BE."



NARR:

AS FOR CARTER, HE CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THAT HIS SERIES OF PRIMARY ELECTION VICTORIES -- BY FAR THE BEST RECORD OF ANY OF THIS YEAR'S DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES -- HAS DEMONSTRATED HIS NATIONWIDE APPEAL, AND HE URGED UNCOMMITTED CONVENTION DELEGATES TO DECLARE THEIR SUPPORT.

TAPE: CUT FIVE -- CARTER 0:24

"OUR CAMPAIGN IS BASED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON A NATIONWIDE APPEAL TO VOTERS, AND I THINK THE DEMONSTRATION OF THAT ABILITY TO GET VOTES IN ALL PARTS OF THE NATION IS A VERY IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION TO INDUCE UNCOMMITTED DELEGATES AND OTHERS AT THE CONVENTION TO COME OVER TO ME BECAUSE I, AS THE . . . HEAD OF A TICKET NEXT FALL, CAN ADD STRENGTH TO THE WHOLE DEMOCRATIC EFFORT."

NARR:

IF CARTER FAILS TO WIN THE NOMINATION, PUBLIC OPINION SURVEYS INDICATE THAT THE NEXT MOST POPULAR DEMOCRAT IS SOMEONE WHO ISN'T EVEN IN THE RACE -- SENATOR AND FORMER VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY.

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TAPE: CUT SIX -- TRUMPET FANFARE (OPT) 0:20 -- ESTABLISH THEN  
FADE AND HOLD UNDER TO CONCLUSION

NARR:

(OPT) THE CLIMAX OF THIS YEAR'S AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCES WON'T COME UNTIL JULY FOURTH, THE ANNIVERSARY OF THIS COUNTRY'S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE FROM GREAT BRITAIN. BUT THIS WEEK, THE BRITISH WERE CELEBRATING THE LOSS OF THEIR FORMER COLONIES "AS IF" -- IN THE WORDS OF ONE REPORTER -- "THEY HAD PLANNED IT ALL ALONG."

(OPT) AT WESTMINSTER HALL IN LONDON, A DELEGATION OF AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN ATTENDED A CEREMONY MARKING THE LOAN OF ONE OF THE ORIGINAL COPIES OF THE MAGNA CARTA, THE CHARTER

OF POLITICAL LIBERTY THAT BRITAIN'S KING JOHN WAS FORCED TO SIGN IN 1215 AND THE FOUNDATION OF THE MODERN BRITISH AND AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONS. BRITISH PRIME MINISTER JAMES CALLAGHAN USED THE OCCASION TO NOTE THE SPECIAL TIES BETWEEN THE TWO ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES.

TAPE: CUT SEVEN -- CALLIGHAN 0:31

(OPT) "AS STREAMS JOIN TO MAKE A MIGHTY RIVER, SO HAVE OUR MAGNA CARTA AND BILL OF RIGHTS AND YOUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND CONSTITUTION MINGLED TO FORM A COMMON HERITAGE AND A TRADITION WHICH HAS SERVED AS AN INSPIRATION TO BOTH OUR COUNTRIES AND TO THE WORLD. THEY'VE ENABLED EACH OF US TO STEER OUR WAY THROUGH THE CONFLICTS AND REVOLUTIONS, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL, OVER THE LAST TWO HUNDRED YEARS."

NARR:

(OPT) TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO, THE VOYAGE FROM BRITAIN TO AMERICA TOOK AT LEAST THREE WEEKS. NOW IT TAKES ABOUT THREE HOURS. THIS WEEK, BRITAIN -- ALONG WITH FRANCE -- BEGAN SCHEDULED SERVICE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND EUROPE ON THE SUPERSONIC CONCORDE AIRLINER. (END OPT)

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ANNCR:

THOSE WERE SOME OF THE TOP STORIES THAT MADE HEADLINES THIS WEEK. YOUR NARRATOR WAS -----, JOIN US AGAIN NEXT ----- WHEN THE VOICE OF AMERICA TAKES A LOOK AT THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS ON "THIS WEEK".

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